

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. It is partisan politics using public assets. Our airwaves.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Forcing a politically biased program onto the airwaves with the intent to upset the balance of public sentiment in a presidential election is wrong and possibly illegal. When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for their bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. It is more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news presented in a bipartisan manner about issues that matter. That would serve the public interests and the interests of our democracy.

Sinclair's actions should be considered illegal and show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs public review involving more than a guaranteed renewal slip from the FCC. Thank you.